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MEDICAL SECURITY PLAN

Health Coverage for the Unemployed

Quarter ending: September 30, 1997

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DET RESEARCH

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $58,568,578 as of September 30, 1997. Inflows for the quarter were $11,558,240 and outflows totaled $4,717,089. Employer contributions were $11,074,332 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $483,908 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $3,905,386 for the Direct Coverage Program and $811,703 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $2,848,316 and pharmacy costs were $411,096 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $660,178.

BALANCE 6/30/97	$ 51,455,255
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 11,558,240
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 4,717,089
BALANCE 9/30/97	$ 58,568,578

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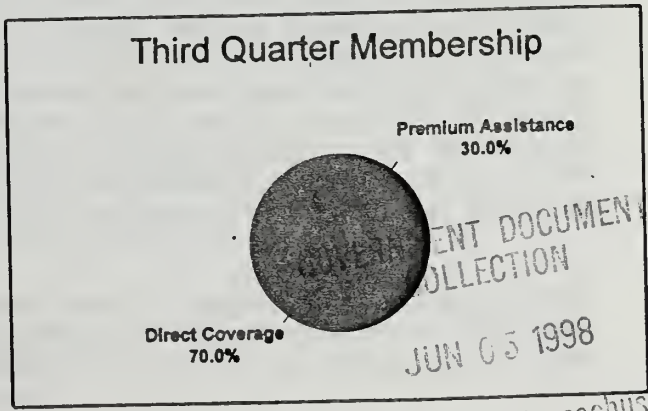
1997 THIRD QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

In the month of September 1997, 6,293 UI claimants subscribed to the MSP of which 4,395 (70%) were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,898 (30%) were reimbursed for their private health insurance costs through the Premium Assistance Plan. The total MSP enrollment in September was 11,567 including 5,283 other family members.



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DET RESEARCH — JANUARY 1998

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $60,630,536 as of December 31, 1997. Inflows for the quarter were $6,136,032 and outflows totaled $4,074,075. Employer contributions were $5,357,358 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $778,675 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $3,310,381 for the Direct Coverage Program and $763,694 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $2,636,616 and pharmacy costs were $232,894 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $660,280.

BALANCE 9/30/97	$ 58,568,578
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 6,136,032
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 4,074,075
BALANCE 12/31/97	$ 60,630,536

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1997 FOURTH QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

In the month of November 1997, 5,611 UI claimants subscribed to the MSP of which 3,987 (71%) were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,624 (29%) were reimbursed for their private health insurance costs through the Premium Assistance Plan. The total MSP enrollment in November was 10,021 including 4,410 other family members.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Since the last quarterly report, there have been several changes made to the Medical Security Plan as a result of the approval and implementation, on December 12, 1997, of new regulations governing the administration of the program. The most significant change requires DET to annually compute the average premiums paid by Premium Assistance participants and establish the Premium Assistance subsidy rates at 50% of the average premiums. Effective January 1, 1998, the maximum subsidy for individual plan subscribers will increase $10 to $110, and the maximum subsidy for family plan subscribers will increase $70 to $270.

Other changes in the regulations streamline the income eligibility determination process and add more definitional structure to the MSP grievance/appeal process.

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $62,491,287 as of March 31, 1998. Inflows for the quarter were $6,822,062 and outflows totaled $4,961,311.44. Employer contributions were $5,395,852 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $816,990 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $4,119,515 for the Direct Coverage Program and $941,796 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $2,866,442 and pharmacy costs were $442,871 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $651,749.

BALANCE 12/31/97	$ 60,630,536
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 6,822,062
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 4,961,311
BALANCE 3/31/98	$ 62,491,287

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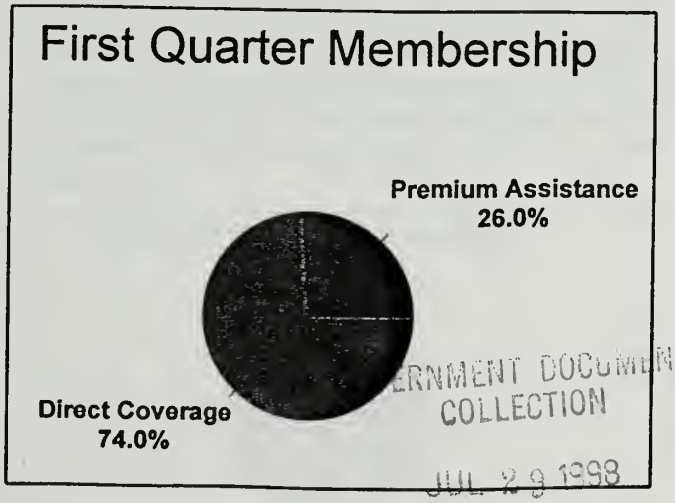
1998 FIRST QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

In the month of February 1998, 6,987 UI claimants subscribed to the MSP of which 5,190 (74%) were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,797 (26%) were reimbursed for their private health insurance costs through the Premium Assistance Plan. The total MSP enrollment in February was 11,813 including 4,826 other family members.



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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $87,737,111 as of September 30, 1998. Inflows for the quarter were $11,311,942 and outflows totaled $2,979,654. Employer contributions were $10,262,170 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,049,772 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $2,263,526 for the Direct Coverage Program and $716,128 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $1,674,359 and pharmacy costs were $204,493 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $580,973.

BALANCE 6/30/98	$ 79,404,824
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 11,311,942
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 2,979,654
BALANCE 9/30/98	$ 87,737,111

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1998 THIRD QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the third quarter of 1998, the average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 5,842 with 4,036 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 9,877. Of these, an average of 3,589 (61%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 2,253 (39%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 29,632 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes 17,525 UI claimants and 12,107 other family members.

Third Quarter Membership

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $91,654,723 as of December 31, 1998. Inflows for the quarter were $6,559,413 and outflows totaled $2,728,683. Employer contributions were $5,444,937 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,114,476 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $1,973,941 for the Direct Coverage Program and $667,860 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $1,458,239 and pharmacy costs were $197,277 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $550,087.

BALANCE 9/30/98	$ 87,737,111
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 6,559,413
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 2,728,683
BALANCE 12/31/98	$ 91,654,722

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1998 FOURTH QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the fourth quarter of 1998, the average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 5,274 with 3,940 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 9,214. Of these, an average of 3,454 (66%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,820 (34%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 27,641 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes 15,821 UI claimants and 11,820 other family members.

Fourth Quarter Membership

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MSP PROGRAM OFFICE MARCH 1999

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $94,192,784 as of March 31, 1999. Inflows for the quarter were $6,510,652 and outflows totaled $3,972,590. Employer contributions were $5,402,272 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,108,380 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $2,883,544 for the Direct Coverage Program and $1,089,047 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $1,680,249 and pharmacy costs were $438,746 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $745,554.

BALANCE 12/31/98	$ 91,654,722
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 6,510,652
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 3,972,590
BALANCE 3/31/99	$ 94,192,784

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1999 FIRST QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the first quarter of 1999, the average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 6,967 with 4,892 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 11,859. Of these, an average of 4,768 (68%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 2,199 (32%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 35,576 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes 20,901 UI claimants and 14,675 other family members.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

During the first quarter, a solicitation for bids to administer the MSP program beginning on July 1, 1999, was issued on March 30, 1999. A Bidder's Conference was held on April 5, 1999 and two prospective bidders attended. Proposals by interested bidders are due on Friday, April 30, 1999. After careful review by the proposal evaluation team, a contract award will be announced sometime in May, 1999.

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MSP PROGRAM OFFICE JUNE 1999

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $112,210,753 as of June 30, 1999. Inflows for the quarter were $22,392,911 and outflows totaled $4,374,940. Employer contributions were $ 21,272,381 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,120,529 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $3,326,411 for the Direct Coverage Program and $1,048,529 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $2,485,920 and pharmacy costs were $384,484 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $888,310.

BALANCE 3/31/99	$ 94,192,784
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 22,392,911
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 4,374,940
BALANCE 6/30/99	$ 112,210,753

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1999 SECOND QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the second quarter of 1999, the average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 6,463 with 4,742 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 11,205. Of these, an average of 4,256 (66%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 2,207 (34%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 33,614 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes 19,389 UI claimants and 14,225 other family members.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

During the second quarter, a contract amendment extending through December 31, 1999 was executed in order to provide time to fully evaluate Bidder responses to the RFR. After careful review of each proposal, a letter was drafted for each submitted proposal seeking clarification of submitted responses in order to satisfy RFR requirements.

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CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $120,467,580 as of September 30, 1999. Inflows for the quarter were $11,809,705 and outflows totaled $3,552,879. Employer contributions were $10,482,819 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,326,886 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $2,539,610 for the Direct Coverage Program and $1,013,269 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $1,795,535 and pharmacy costs were $206,846 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $783,028.

BALANCE 6/30/99	$ 112,210,753
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 11,809,705
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 3,552,879
BALANCE 6/30/99	$ 120,467,580

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1999 THIRD QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the third quarter of 1999, the estimated average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 6,439 with 3171 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 9,610. Of these, an estimated average of 5,918 (62%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 3,692 (38%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 28,830 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes an estimated 16,635 UI claimants and 12,195 other family members.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

During the third quarter, an amendment to the current MSP RFR was developed and issued on August 20, 1999 and responses were received from two Bidders on September 10, 1999. After careful review of each proposal, a letter was drafted for each submitted proposal seeking clarification of submitted responses in order to satisfy RFR requirements. The clarification letters were sent out to each Bidder on September 30, 1999 with responses due by October 15, 1999.

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CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $124,589,702 as of December 31, 1999. Inflows for the quarter were $7,238,788 and outflows totaled $3,116,665. Employer contributions were $5,681,089 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,557,699 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $2,256,135 for the Direct Coverage Program and $860,530 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $1,795,535 and pharmacy costs were $219,163 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $670,283.

BALANCE 9/30/99	$ 120,467,580
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 7,238,788
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 3,116,665
BALANCE 12/31/99	$ 124,589,702

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1999 FOURTH QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the fourth quarter of 1999, the estimated average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 4,750 with 3,430 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 8,181. Of these, an estimated average of 5,152 (63%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 3,029 (37%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 24,542 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes an estimated 14,251 UI claimants and 10,291 other family members.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

During the fourth quarter, the advisory panel for the review and evaluation of proposals submitted to the current MSP RFR was reconvened on November 10, 1999. The purpose of reconvening the advisory panel was to select a health care provider from the two Bidders who had submitted responses. After careful review of each proposal, a decision was made to select Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts. After careful review by the Budget and Procurement departments, an award to BCBSMA was made on December 31, 1999.

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Health Coverage for the Unemployed Quarter Ending: March 31, 2000

QUARTERLY UPDATE

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MEDICAL SECURITY PLAN

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The Medical Security Plan (MSP) provides health insurance coverage to individuals who are receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and whose family income is less than or equal to 400 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Claimants who are determined eligible for coverage through MSP enroll in one of two programs. Those claimants and their eligible family members who continue their existing health plans, e.g. a COBRA extension, are reimbursed a portion of the cost of continuing the plan through the Premium Assistance Program. Those claimants and their families who do not have the option of continuing an existing plan are covered by the Direct Coverage Program and receive medical services and care paid for directly by MSP. This program provides a comprehensive benefit package and requires some co-payments and deductibles. Both programs are administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts under contract to DET.

All funding for the MSP is derived from employer contributions of .12 percent of the first $ 14,000 of each employee's wages up to a maximum of $16.80 per employee per year deposited in the Medical Security Trust Fund. Massachusetts employers with six or more employees are required to contribute to the program. DET collects the health insurance contributions and administers the Medical Security Trust Fund.

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CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $131,404,390 as of March 31, 2000. Inflows for the quarter were $7,841,110 and outflows totaled $1,026,422. Employer contributions were $6,106,127 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,734,983 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $769,376 for the Direct Coverage Program and $257,046 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $512,604 and pharmacy costs were $96,917 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $194,880.

BALANCE 12/31/99	$ 124,589,702
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 7,841,110
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 1,026,422
BALANCE 3/31/00	$ 131,404,390

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2000 FIRST QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the first quarter of 2000, the estimated average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 5,707 with 3,836 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 9,543. Of these, an estimated average of 3,946 (69%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,761 (31%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 28,628 individual new enrollments were processed. This includes an estimated 17,120 UI claimants and 11,508 other family members.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

During the first quarter, the new contract for FY2000 was executed and service has continued uninterrupted for UI customers and their dependents who utilize the MSP program. Discussions have begun with the new vendor, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts to streamline and improve the reporting requirements called for in the new contract.

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Health Coverage for the Unemployed Quarter Ending: June 30, 2000

QUARTERLY UPDATE

MSP PROGRAM OFFICE June 30, 2000

MEDICAL SECURITY PLAN

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The Medical Security Plan (MSP) provides health insurance coverage to individuals who are receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and whose family income is less than or equal to 400 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Claimants who are determined eligible for coverage through MSP enroll in one of two programs. Those claimants and their eligible family members who continue their existing health plans, e.g. a COBRA extension, are reimbursed a portion of the cost of continuing the plan through the Premium Assistance Program. Those claimants and their families who do not have the option of continuing an existing plan are covered by the Direct Coverage Program and receive medical services and care paid for directly by MSP. This program provides a comprehensive benefit package and requires some co-payments and deductibles. Both programs are administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts under contract to DET.

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CURRENT CONDITIONS OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $150,458,117 as of June 30, 2000. Inflows for the quarter were $25,599,955 and outflows totaled $6,546,228. Employer contributions were $23,693,558 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,906,396 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $5,182,097 for the Direct Coverage Program and $1,364,130 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $3,505,069 and pharmacy costs were $626,498 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $1,050,335.

BALANCE 3/31/00	$ 131,404,390
TOTAL INFLOWS	$25,599,955
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 6,546,228
BALANCE 6/30/00	$ 150,458,117

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2000 SECOND QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the second quarter of 2000, the estimated average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 5,054 with 3,488 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 8,542. Of these, an estimated average of 3,437 (68%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,617 (32%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 1758 applications were processed.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

During the second quarter planning started with the vendor, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, to implement the availability of up-front messaging in foreign languages on the Medical Security Plan's Customer Service telephone line. Also planning was begun to translate in several foreign languages the MSP brochure, **What You Need to Know About the Medical Security Plan.**

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MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND QUARTERLY REPORT

Year-to-Date Information

Quarter Ending: September 30, 2000

ABOUT THE MEDICAL SECURITY PLAN

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The Medical Security Plan (MSP) provides health insurance coverage to individuals who are receiving unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and whose family income is less than or equal to 400 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Claimants who are determined eligible for coverage through MSP enroll in one of two programs. Those claimants and their eligible family members who continue their existing health plans, e.g. a COBRA extension, are reimbursed a portion of the cost of continuing the plan through the Premium Assistance Program. Those claimants and their families who do not have the option of continuing an existing plan are covered by the Direct Coverage Program and receive medical services and care paid for directly by MSP. This program provides a comprehensive benefit package and requires some co-payments and deductibles. Both programs are administered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts under contract to DET.

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CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MEDICAL SECURITY TRUST FUND

The Medical Security Trust Fund balance was $120,236,349 as of September 30, 2000. Inflows for the quarter were $11,850,867 and outflows totaled $2,551,519. Employer contributions were $10,255,615 for the quarter. Interest earnings of $1,595,252 were posted to the fund during the quarter. The outflows include $1,975,948 for the Direct Coverage Program and $575,571 for the Premium Assistance Program. These program expenses cover benefits, pharmacy and administration costs paid during the quarter. Benefit payments were $1,455,353 and pharmacy costs were $237,911 for the Direct Coverage Program, the reimbursements under the Premium Assistance Program during the quarter were $481,343.

BALANCE 6/30/00	$ 150,937,001
TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 11,850,867
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ 2,551,519
***TRANSFERS**	**$ 40,000,000**
BALANCE 9/30/00	$ 120,236,349

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2000 THIRD QUARTER CLAIMS ACTIVITY

During the third quarter of 2000, the estimated average number of UI claimants who participated in the MSP was 4,567 with 3053 dependents, for a weekly average participation of 7,620. Of these, an estimated average of 3037 (66%) participants were covered by the Direct Coverage Plan and 1,531 (34%) were reimbursed through the Premium Assistance Plan. During the quarter, a total of 1841 applications were processed.

SIGNIFICANT HAPPENINGS

Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000 required a *one-time* diversion of fifty million dollars from the Medical Security Trust Fund to provide cash assistance to acute care hospitals - $25 million to the Uncompensated Care Trust Fund to reduce the liability of acute care hospitals and another $25 million to the General Fund to make one-time adjustments to Medicaid rates of payments to acute care hospitals. ($40 million has already been transferred and is reflected in the Trust Fund balance above; the remaining $10 million will be transferred later this Fall.)

Another $2.5 million will also be diverted from the Trust Fund *annually* to the Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund - also required by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000.

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